

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 15-20, and 32 have been canceled in the foregoing amendment. Claims 10-12, 14, 21-27, and 33 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with gratitude that claims 10-12, 14, 21-27, and 33 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 15-20, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over cited prior art. Applicant notes that claim 6 was previously canceled, therefore the rejection of claim 6 is deemed moot. In order to advance prosecution of the allowed claims, the remaining rejected claims have been canceled, mooting the rejections.

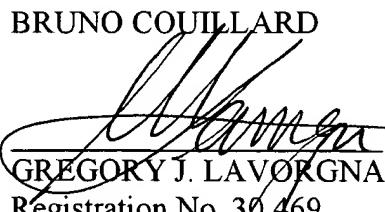
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 10-12, 14, 21-27, and 33, is in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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